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Ontario reports new flu cases

HEALTH Ontario is confirming 13 new cases of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, bringing the total number of cases in the province to 49.

All the cases are said to be mild.

The new cases were spread out across the province in communities such as Toronto, London, Windsor and Sudbury.

Thirty women and 19 men in Ontario have contracted the virus.

Ontario reports an average of 9,000 cases of seasonal flu each year and approximately 500 deaths.

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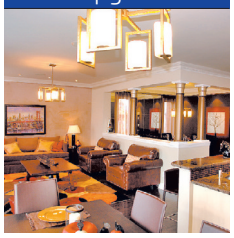

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ROM **Rare rhino**

SAUL PORTO/TOP NEWS

Workers at the Royal Ontario Museum install an 11-foot-long, 4,000-pound rare white rhinoceros specimen yesterday. The rhino is the centrepiece of the new Schad Gallery of Biodiversity, which is devoted to exploring the world's biodiversity and the numerous factors affecting its conservation and survival. The innovative and interactive gallery combines seven ecosystem experiences.

Stocks surge

TSX closes above 10,000

The Toronto stock market jumped more than 250 points yesterday to its first close above 10,000 in six months, powered ahead by news suggesting that U.S. job losses are slowing.

"The market is finding, appropriately, that we aren't in such a steep economic decline," said Kate Warne, Canadian market specialist at Edward Jones in St. Louis.

"The economy, particularly in the U.S., is still slowing down, but the pace is less fast."

Toronto's S&P/TSX composite index closed up 262.71 points or 2.66 per cent to 10,143.43, leaving the benchmark Canadian index up 34 per cent from its trough in early March.

The gain came despite news that vehicle parts giant Magna International Inc. has suspended its dividend after first-quarter sales sagged to $3.6 billion US from $6.6 billion, with a net loss of $200 million. Magna shares rose 30 cents to $43.42.

The TSX Venture Exchange added 17.5 points to 1,047.86.

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"It's like the banks to a certain extent — everybody knows the auto industry is struggling, and the fact they suspended the dividend, that there's a loss, none of that is a surprise," Warne said.

The Canadian dollar rose 0.75 cent to 85.78 cents US as Statistics Canada reported that building permits were up 23.5 per cent in March after five straight months of decline.

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Bungee jumper head over heels for 'world's best job'

A bungee jumping, ostrich-riding British charity worker was named the winner yesterday of what's been dubbed the "Best Job in the World" — a six-month contract to serve as caretaker of a tropical Australian island.

Ben Southall, 34, of Petersfield, beat out nearly 35,000 applicants from around the world for the dream assignment to swim, explore and relax on Hamilton Island in the Great Barrier Reef while writing a blog to promote the area.

He was selected for the gig, worth about $130,000, by officials from the Tourism Department of Queensland state.

Southall and 15 other finalists, including Erik Rolfsen of Vancouver, spent the past four days on the island enduring an extended interview process, which required applicants to snorkel through crystalline waters, gorge themselves at a beach side barbecue and relax at a spa. The finalists also had to demonstrate their blogging abilities, take swimming tests and sit through in-person interviews.

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Rooming house confrontation fatal

An Oshawa woman is dead and a female acquaintance has been arrested in what investigators believe was a violent confrontation between the two women inside an Oshawa rooming house. Linda Lafleur of Oshawa is charged with first-degree murder. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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5 arrested in pirated DVD investigation

With the aid of York police, the RCMP seized over 49,000 pirated DVDs from Pacific Mall Feb. 6 and 7, including recently released DVD movies and films still in theatres. Titles included: Slumdog Millionaire, the Curious Case of Benjamin Button and James Bond: Quantum of Solace. In addition to the seizure were over 100,000 blank DVDs and 217 DVD burners. The five men are facing multiple counts under the Copyright Act. If convicted they potentially face fines around $1 million or imprisonment. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Blogs Style columnist Kenya Hunt finally joins Twitter and Hollywood Rants honours Dom DeLuise's true legacy ... the Cannonball Run blooper reel.

Lotteries

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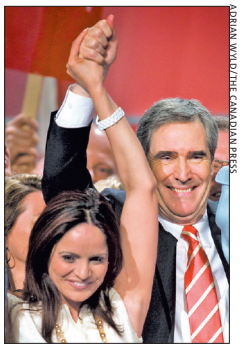
Critic steps down

MP Ruby Dhalla resigns post to clear name

Liberal MP Ruby Dhalla says she's giving up her post as the party's multiculturalism critic while she works to clear her name in a domestic dispute.

Dhalla has become embroiled in a family labour dispute that involves allegations by two live-in caregivers hired to look after Dhalla's mother.

Magdalene Gordo and Richelyn Tongson claim they earned $250 a week working 12- to 16-hour days at the Dhalla family home in Mississauga and that Dhalla seized their passports.



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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff on stage with MP Ruby Dhalla in Vancouver recently.

In a statement released yesterday to the media, Dhalla said she is giving up her critic's role "in order to focus my attention on clearing my name" and that she will "vigorously defend" her reputation.

Dhalla offered her resignation, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said in a release, and he accepted.

"I look forward to a determination of the facts," Ignatieff said.

Dhalla is not stepping down as MP for Brampton-Springdale.

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News in brief

OLG The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. says all of its lottery terminals are back in operation following a network outage. The OLG says the outage affected "a number of lottery terminals across the province" Tuesday night.

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Provincial Opposition demands resignation

QUEEN'S PARK The controversy involving Liberal MP Ruby Dhalla spilled over into the Ontario legislature Wednesday as the Opposition demanded the labour minister resign for failing to investigate complaints from two domestic workers.

Dhalla, the MP for Toronto-area riding Brampton-Springdale, has become embroiled in a family labour dispute that involves allegations made by two live-in caregivers hired to look after Dhalla's mother.

The women told their stories to Labour Minister Peter Fonseca and Education Minister Kathleen Wynne during a roundtable discussion last month, and were advised to call in their complaint to a toll-free government hotline.

Ontario Progressive Conservative critic Lisa MacLeod demanded Fonseca's resignation, saying the Liberal failed as a minister when he didn't follow up on the allegations against Dhalla. Ontario's New Democrats stopped short of calling for Fonseca's resignation, but said it was his legal responsibility to act on the complaints.

Fonseca said he heard many stories from caregivers in roundtable discussions he initiated.

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Premier says

- Premier Dalton McGuinty defended Fonseca, saying the labour minister was only "trying to do the right thing" after hearing similar complaints from about 30 women who work as live-in caregivers.

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Crash claims life of motorcyclist

Police say a motorcyclist driving near Kennedy Road and 16th Avenue just after 1:30 a.m. yesterday died when he crashed into the centre median. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Firms targeting mothers?

Pregnant women want protection as jobs shed

There's a disturbing new trend of layoffs targeting pregnant women, new mothers and disabled workers as the economy tumbles further into a recession, human rights advocates said yesterday.

Ontario's Human Rights Legal Support Centre is receiving 10 to 15 calls a week from women who have either lost their jobs or fear their employer will fire them because they're pregnant or on maternity leave, said executive director Katherine Laird.

The complaints — which account for about 10 per cent of all employment-related inquiries — ramped up significantly in January when the economy really started to tank, she said. Less than two weeks before her maternity leave ended, Vera Trevisanello, 36, said her employer told her not to come back.

She thought she was returning to a promotion and a higher salary after having her son, Noah, a year ago.

But her employer, a Toronto financial services company, told her the position was eliminated in a restructuring, and changed the subject when she pointed out that other employees were still doing the same work, she said.

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GTA summit tackles global recession

ECONOMY More than 250 leaders from the worlds of business, academia, labour and politics will meet today at Markham's Seneca College campus for the Greater Toronto Region Economic Summit.

Chaired by Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion and Torstar Corp. chair John Honderich, the summit delegates are focused on developing an immediate action plan for the region to tackle the global recession.

Politicians expected to attend include Toronto Mayor David Miller, Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson, Ontario Minister of Economic Development Michael Bryant and federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

As Ontario sheds manufacturing jobs amid a worldwide recession, organizers want a concrete plan for the entire region, which stretches beyond the 416/905 area codes to work together, ignoring traditional geographic boundaries.

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Police officer facing impaired driving charges

A Toronto police officer has been charged with impaired driving. Const. Tamara Rodin, 42, was scheduled to appear in court yesterday on a pair of impaired driving charges and a charge of failing to comply with the conditions of recognizance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

ARREST A man accused of joining his son in terrorizing a Toronto neighbourhood has been arrested a second time for breaching his bail conditions. Felice Scala, 62, was being held in the Toronto (Don) Jail and is scheduled for a bail hearing tomorrow, his lawyer, Gordon Goldman, said yesterday. Scala faces charges related to his 36-year-old son Ralph's three-year campaign of car keying, tire slashing and window smashing in the Junction neighbourhood.

CHASE A high-speed chase involving York police ended with an arrest. Around 5 a.m. yesterday on Yonge Street, just north of Steeles Avenue, police spotted two vehicles allegedly street racing. An 18-year-old driver of one vehicle was arrested and faces numerous charges. Police are continuing to look for the second vehicle.

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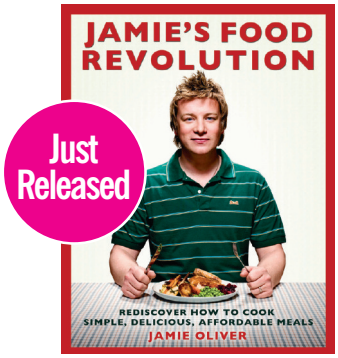

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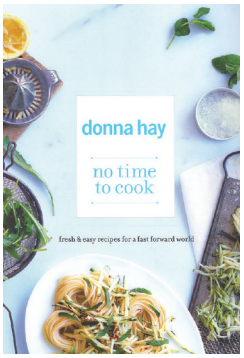

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Kasim St. Remy, 13, younger brother of Jarvis, hugs his mom, Clemee Joseph, yesterday at a makeshift memorial for the young man shot at a bus shelter on Friday.

Help locate killers: Mom

Son shot at bus stop Friday

Clemee Joseph wants answers — before she buries her son.

"Instead of getting ready to attend my son's graduation in another month ... I am putting my child in a casket on the eve of Mother's Day," she said amid a tearful plea for information about who shot 18-year-old Jarvis St. Remy on Friday.

Joseph, 38, spoke at a news conference steps from where her son was fatally wounded. She asked the public to rally around her as a mother and report any information they might have on the shooting.

And if it was a case of mistaken identity, the culprits should be "man enough" to come forward, she said.

On May 1, St. Remy left his best friend's house on Dundas Street West near Scarlett Road, and walked to a nearby bus stop.

Two people police describe as "male" and "black" approached him on foot. One opened fire before running away, police said. Both wore dark hooded sweatshirts.

St. Remy's grandmother, Delores Watson, said the family is worried that because he was a young, black man, he will be stereotyped as a gang member or someone involved in drugs.

Homicide Det. Mike Carbone said St. Remy had no criminal history.

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Tips

- Anyone with information can call Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS, or Det. Mike Carbone at 416-808-7378.

Police ask for charges to be dropped in school fight

SLUR A proper investigation would have spared a 15-year-old student from trouble with the law and threats of expulsion following a fight with a classmate that was triggered in part by a racial slur, police conceded yesterday.

The Korean-born student's story made headlines after hundreds of his classmates in Keswick staged a walkout to protest that the Grade 9 student was the only one charged in the fight on school property on April 21.

He was charged with assault causing bodily harm for breaking his classmate's nose, even though he claimed self-defence and did not throw the first punch.

York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge admitted at a packed news conference that he ordered a review of the case because of the student protest, and the subsequent investigation revealed police were too hasty in laying the charge, which he has asked the Crown to withdraw.

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Trial to resume at end of May

Court proceedings against a Liberal organizer implicated in the sponsorship scandal are expected to resume at the end of May. Benoit Corbeil, who served as director of the Liberals' Quebec wing from 1999-2000, was arrested and charged last April with fraud, conspiracy and influence peddling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Parents face more charges

Hamilton police have laid more charges in connection with the discovery of two boys, aged two and five, in a basement stained with urine and feces. The children's 35-year-old father, 27-year-old mother and 60-year-old grandmother are now charged with two counts each of failure to provide the necessities of life and child abandonment in addition to forcible confinement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Demands listed

Ottawa gets tough with U.S. Steel

The federal government is telling U.S. Steel Corp. to restart operations at two former Stelco Inc. plants in southern Ontario or face possible fines or even an "unwinding" of the $1.1-billion purchase of the Canadian steel company by the big American steelmaker two years ago.

Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday he has sent a "demand letter" to the U.S. steel company that its temporary shutdown at plants in Hamilton and Nanticoke, Ont., is in violation of commitments the Pittsburgh company made when it bought Stelco.

"When U.S. Steel acquired Stelco Inc. in 2007, it committed to a series of undertakings regarding, among others, capital expenditures, research and development and production," the minister said. "U.S. Steel has recently cut production and laid off employees at its Canadian operations."

"While I recognize that these are challenging economic times, we expect the company to live up to its commitments."

In a news scrum after the announcement, Clement said U.S. Steel had 10 days to respond.

"I guess what I'm signalling to you is I take these agreements seriously," he said. "When you have signed a deal with the Canadian government to invest in Canada, we expect you to honour the deal. It's a contractual issue." THE CANADIAN PRESS

N.S. election **Want fries with that?**

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Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald, left, helps serve up french fries at a local McDonald's during a campaign stop yesterday in Bridgewater, N.S. A provincial election in Nova Scotia is now fully underway with voters going to the polls on June 9.

News in brief

EXPELLED Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he's "concerned" about Russia's behaviour as two Canadian diplomats are being expelled from Moscow. Russia ordered the diplomats out after NATO rescinded the credentials of two Russian diplomats in Brussels. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pork safe despite warning: Feds

Flu Outbreak

AGRICULTURE Federal agriculture minister Gerry Ritz says pork remains safe to eat despite a warning by the World Health Organization that Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, virus may survive freezing and could be in the thawed meat and blood of infected pigs.

"Canadian pork is safe. There is no danger. Bottom line: Canadian pork is safe," Ritz said yesterday after serving up pork sandwiches to MPs and government workers at a luncheon on Parliament Hill.

The WHO's warning came as Canadian scientists confirmed the swine flu spreading through Canada and Mexico is the same strain. Earlier in the day, however, a WHO official told Reuters the blood of pigs infected with a swine subtype of H1N1 may contain the virus. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flu at a glance

Latest in the H1N1 outbreak

- Confirmed death toll: 42 in Mexico and two in U.S., including a Mexican toddler who died in Texas.
- Confirmed cases in Canada: 178 (48 in Nova Scotia, 49 in Ontario, 46 in British Columbia, 26 in Alberta, four in Quebec, two in Prince Edward Island, two in New Brunswick and one in Manitoba).
- Confirmed cases elsewhere: More than 1,500 worldwide in 23 countries, including more than 800 in Mexico and more than 600 in U.S. Sweden reported its first case yesterday.

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Tori's mom believes 8-year-old still alive

MISSING Four weeks after Victoria Stafford went missing in Woodstock, her mother says she still believes her eight-year-old daughter is alive.

Tara McDonald says she's not giving up hope even though no trace of her daughter, known as Tori, has been found since she disappeared April 8 while walking home after school. But McDonald admits she's frustrated the police investigation has yielded few leads.

Victoria Stafford

Police say they have received more than 2,500 tips since releasing a video this week of a dark-coloured car they are calling "a vehicle of interest." Investigators are eager to speak to the driver, who passed by the abduction scene moments after Tori vanished.

The girl was seen on a surveillance video walking with a woman in a puffy white coat. Police say they've determined the girl and her abductor were walking toward the parking lot of a nearby nursing home. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Inquiry brings up Airbus jets sale

SCHREIBER A forensic accounting report, tabled at a public inquiry, shows money Karlheinz Schreiber earned from the controversial 1988 sale of Airbus jets to Air Canada likely went into a bank account code-named Britain.

Schreiber says he drew on the account to pay Brian Mulroney $300,000 for lobbying services on a project to build German-designed armoured vehicles in Canada. There's only Schreiber's word to go by on that crucial point because his payments to Mulroney were made in cash. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

CHARGES A 21-year-old man from Tay Township at the south end of Georgian Bay is facing child pornography charges. Provincial police say Christopher Green was arrested Tuesday following a one-week investigation. Police say a computer and a cellphone were seized from a residence allegedly containing images of child pornography. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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World

Ancient scroll recovered

Israel says it has arrested two Palestinians who tried to sell a looted 1,900-year-old papyrus document in Hebrew worth millions of dollars. Police say they arrested the men at a Jerusalem hotel Tuesday after tracking them for several weeks. Police are still trying to determine the origins of the document.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN calls for ceasefire in Sri Lanka

CIVILIANS UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon yesterday urged Sri Lanka to stop using heavy weapons that risk civilian lives and to suspend its offensive against ethnic Tamil rebels so aid can be sent.

Ban also said the Tamil Tigers should let the civilians trapped by the fighting out of the war zone and to stop forcibly recruiting fighters from their ranks.

The rebels said Tuesday civilians in the war zone faced starvation and accused the government of blocking food deliveries. Human Rights Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe said they had delivered enough food and accused rebels of grabbing supplies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil **Tribal protest**

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Brazilian Indians block the main entrance to the National Health Foundation yesterday in Sao Paulo during a protest to demand better health conditions for their tribes.

News in brief

STAMPEDE Wal-Mart has agreed to pay nearly $2 million US and improve safety at its 92 New York stores in a deal with prosecutors that avoids criminal charges in the trampling death of a temporary worker.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. initiates Afghan talks

The Obama administration yesterday immersed itself in high-stakes diplomacy with the leaders of Afghanistan and Pakistan, seeking co-operation against Taliban militants.

At the outset, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton publicly apologized for U.S. air strikes that the Red Cross has confirmed killed dozens of Afghan civilians.

Meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Pakistan's Asif Ali Zardari in a prelude to their talks with U.S. President Barack Obama, Clinton said Washington "deeply, deeply" regrets the loss of life in Afghanistan, apparently as a result of an American bombing Monday.

Karzai and Zardari responded positively to a call for greater co-operation and co-ordination, saying they, too, were committed to the struggle against the "common threat" posed by the Taliban and other militants.

Barack Obama

In Pakistan, helicopter gunships and mortar teams pounded Taliban strongholds in a northwestern region yesterday ahead of an expected army offensive in the extremist-controlled area.

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Zuma overcomes odds for top job

RISE South Africa's parliament elected Jacob Zuma, 67, as president yesterday, celebrating the astonishing rise of a self-educated teenage goatherder who transformed himself into the charismatic leader of Africa's powerhouse.

Jacob Zuma

The former underground leader survived prison under the country's former apartheid government, a rape allegation and corruption scandals on his way to the top job.

Zuma's ANC party won elections last month with 65.9 per cent of the vote, giving it 264 seats in the 400-member National Assembly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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How does BIO-FEN PLUS™ *work?*

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What is the quality of BIO-FEN PLUS™ *?*

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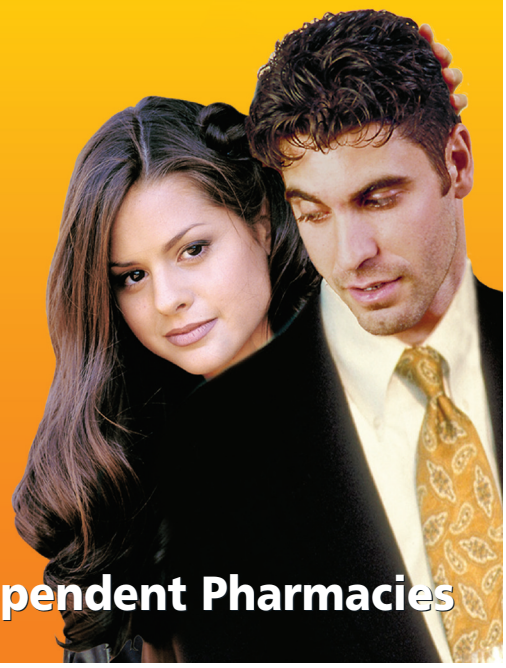

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Love may lead to irrational yearning

On the web

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When Megan McAllister initially chose to stand by her fiancé, Philip Markoff, many questioned why, given the charges he faces, she would defend him.

Markoff was given the catchy but unenviable nickname of "the Craigslist Killer" after allegedly trolling the erotic services section of the site for victims, luring them to hotel rooms, binding their hands with plastic cuffs and robbing them at gunpoint.

He is accused of killing New York masseuse Julissa Brisman in a Boston hotel room after she resisted.

McAllister, it appears, did what many do after a relationship takes a traumatic turn and went spiralling into a pit of momentary lunacy, in which reason and logic are overpowered by an irrational yearning to return to a reality that no longer exists.

When Markoff was charged with murder, for example, the 25-year-old told the Boston Herald: "I will stand by Philip as I know he is innocent. I love him now and always will."

When police suspected a connection between the murder and two other robberies from hotel rooms in Boston and Rhode Island, McAllister told the Herald he was "intelligent, loyal and the best fiancé a woman could ask for."

Their wedding was called off, but there was clearly no shortage of praise.

Then it was revealed Markoff hid 16 pairs of underwear under the bed they shared — mementos, police said, from the victims. Those were found along with a gun, believed to be the one used to kill Brisman, and about 60 pairs of flex-cuff restraints.

The gushing statements dwindled.

A strange thing happens to a mind when it is jolted awake from a long slumber of lies. For some frenzied period, it can render a person blind to the scathing truth.

It is a self-defence mechanism, no doubt — one intended to keep a person from emotional obliteration — but yields more productive results after it fades and gives way to sound reasoning and common sense.

Two weeks after Markoff was charged with murder, McAllister's lawyer Robert Honecker Jr. announced that she is "moving on with her life," sans Markoff.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter. She won this column in a carnival dart game.

Views

Offering shelter from a violent storm

Violence against women remains a critical issue in Canada: It affects not only the safety, potential and equality of women across Canada, but also children and young people.

Though domestic homicides have declined by half over the last 30 years, there are still one to two women murdered every week, and that is only the tip of the iceberg: Every year in Canada, more than 100,000 women and children seek refuge in a shelter, at least one in five teens in Canada experience dating violence and up to 360,000 children in Canada witness violence in their home.

So what is the answer to ending violence against women in Canada? At the Canadian Women's Foundation, we believe the answer is twofold: We must provide short- and long-term support to women and children who have already experienced abuse, so they can heal and rebuild their lives; and we must prevent it from happening in the first place by changing the attitudes and beliefs that lead to abusive behaviour.

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Beverley Wybrow is the president and CEO of the Canadian Women's Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls in Canada. For more, visit www.canadianwomen.org.

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Business

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Magna nixes dividend

A 46 per cent drop in sales and a $200-million US loss in the first quarter has driven auto parts giant Magna International to suspend its dividend to shareholders to preserve cash for its operations.

The 70,000-employee auto parts maker described the first quarter of 2009 as one of the most difficult in its 50-year history due to the unprecedented sales drop experienced by many of its customers, notably GM and Chrysler.

3.57B Magna's revenue in the first quarter, compared to $6.62 billion US a year ago.

Magna disclosed that Chrysler, which filed for bankruptcy protection in the U.S. last week, represents 11 per cent of its sales. General Motors, working on a restructuring plan, accounts for 19 per cent of Magna's business.

Magna founder Frank Stronach told shareholders Magna may have to further reduce its global workforce — down by about 14,000 since the start of last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Palm Pre coming to Canada

CELLPHONE The Palm Pre, a touch-screen smartphone that will compete with Apple's iPhone and Research In Motion's BlackBerry, will be launched in Canada later this year.

The phone made headlines when it was introduced in January at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and has created some buzz as a new smartphone.

The Palm Pre will run in Canada on Bell Mobility's existing network and will be launched in the U.S. on the Sprint network before the end of June. Palm's Brodie Keast says the smartphone automatically brings information from different places such as on the web or at work to one place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Torstar's former chief financial officer David Holland, left, who replaces Robert Prichard, outgoing president and CEO, talks to chairman John Hondrich yesterday before the annual meeting.

Torstar reports $21M loss

MEDIA Torstar Corp., which operates the Toronto Star, lost $21.4 million in the first quarter, compared with $3 million in 2008, as it took a $25.9-million restructuring charge for staff cuts and streamlining efforts and saw its revenues squeezed by the recession.

Union officials are calling for Torstar's outgoing president and chief executive Robert Prichard to give back what they say is a $9.6-million severance package. Torstar chairman Frank Iacobucci said Prichard's severance pay was negotiated as part of his hiring agreement in 2001. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sports

Howard headlines All-D team

Dwight Howard, the reigning NBA Defensive Player of the Year, and NBA MVP LeBron James of Cleveland highlight the 2008-09 NBA All-Defensive Team announced yesterday. Rounding out the team are Kobe Bryant, Chris Paul and Kevin Garnett. Howard's Magic were in action against Boston in Game 2 of their playoff series last night. For a recap, visit metronews.ca/sports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Coyotes-NHL court showdown looms

The NHL is planning a showdown in court over the Phoenix Coyotes filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and the proposed sale of the team to BlackBerry boss Jim Balsillie.

League spokesman Frank Brown said lawyers for the NHL would appear in federal bankruptcy court in Phoenix today.

He would not say what action the league would take, but NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has questioned whether Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes had the authority to file for bankruptcy protection.

Moyes' lawyer Thomas Salerno said any challenge by the NHL would have no merit.

Bettman is skeptical of Balsillie's offer to buy the team, and isn't sure RIM CEO could gain approval of league owners.

Balsillie announced a $212.5-million US offer to buy the financially ailing Coyotes on Tuesday night.

The deal is conditional on moving the club to southern Ontario.

"I don't know whether or not he could get approved," Bettman said yesterday during a discussion of commissioners from the four major pro sports leagues, sponsored by The Wall Street Journal.

The NHL has stripped Moyes of the authority to run the club after Moyes announced the team had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Bettman said the filing occurred "not because creditors were lurking and seeking redress for not being paid, but because there was an offer apparently from Mr. Balsillie to buy the franchise and move it."

He added that the issue will be the "subject of litigation."

"This is not about whether or not we want a franchise in southern Ontario. This is not about whether or not Mr. Balsillie would make a suitable owner that the owners would approve.

"This is about the league's rules and the enforceability of our rules," Bettman said.

"We generally try to avoid relocating franchises unless you absolutely have to," he said. "We think when a franchise is in trouble, you try and fix the problems. That's what we did in Pittsburgh and Ottawa and Buffalo ... That's what we did when the perception was that five out of the six Canadian franchises around the turn of the century were in trouble. We don't run out on cities."

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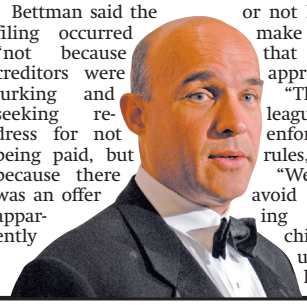

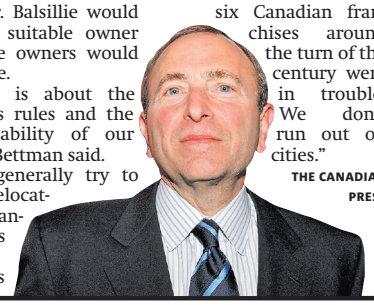

Caps/Pens Act III

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Alex Ovechkin, right, celebrates his first-period goal with Sergei Fedorov in Game 3 of the Capitals/Penguins series last night. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Another team

Where exactly?

- Hamilton Mayor Fred Eisenberger said his city was prepared to do whatever it could to try to land a team in light of a $212.5-million US offer by Research In Motion tycoon Jim Balsillie to buy the bankrupt Phoenix Coyotes if he can move them to southern Ontario. The NHL has opposed adding another team to southern Ontario given Hamilton's proximity to both Toronto and Buffalo.

"I have even (mentioned) to a couple of owners I think southern Ontario is ripe to support more than one NHL team" Stephen Harper

55,000

Number of people who had registered on Balsillie's website, makeitseven.ca, by 5 p.m. yesterday.

Good news, bad news for Jays

JAYS Fans haven't been flocking to the ballpark to watch the Jays, but they have been tuning in their TVs. Attendance at the Rogers Centre has dropped almost 6,500 per game, but Rogers Sportsnet reports that ratings for Blue Jays national broadcasts were up six per cent in the first month of the season. This year, Sportsnet is averaging 310,000 per game.

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For a full recap of last night's Jays/Angels game, visit: **metronews.ca**

Soccer National bragging rights

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Toronto FC celebrates Kevin Harmse's, left, goal against the Vancouver Whitecaps last night in the opener of the Nutrilite Canadian Championship at BMO Field. For a full recap, visit www.metronews.ca/sports.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Andres Iniesta's injury-time equalizer gave Barcelona a 1-1 draw against Chelsea yesterday and a spot in the Champions League final. Iniesta's goal, after a 0-0 draw in Spain last week, means Barcelona goes through on away goals and will meet defending champion Manchester United in Rome on May 27.

CFL Bob Nicholson has been named the Toronto Argonauts' new president and CEO. The team also announced that Michael (Pinball) Clemons' title is being changed to vice-chair from CEO. Nicholson spent six seasons with the Argos before stepping down following the 1999 season. Nicholson spent 18 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays and also worked with the Montreal Expos, moving to Washington with the franchise when it moved there.

NHL Anaheim Ducks defenceman James Wisniewski remained in hospital for a second night after getting hit in the chest by a puck but is expected to be released today. Wisniewski was hit in the chest by Pavel Datsyuk's slapshot during Tuesday's playoff game against Detroit.

BOXING Former boxing champion Dave Hilton Jr. was freed on bail yesterday in Quebec after being arrested on charges of assaulting his girlfriend. In 2001, Hilton was sentenced to seven years in jail for sexually abusing his daughters.

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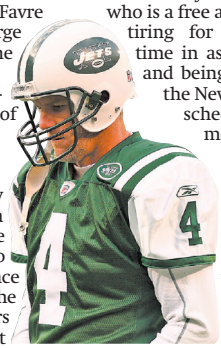
Spite or love driving Favre comeback talk?

NFL For most of his career, he was celebrated as a tough guy playing a man's game with the joy of a little boy. Now Brett Favre stands on the verge of plunging the sports world into yet another off-season's worth of waffling on his retirement.

Does Favre really want to play for the Minnesota Vikings — or is he simply willing to jump at any chance to play against the Green Bay Packers and prove a point to the man who traded him, general manager Ted Thompson?

The 39-year-old Favre, who is a free agent after retiring for the second time in as many years and being released by the New York Jets, is scheduled to meet with Minnesota coach Brad Childress this week to discuss the possibility of playing for the Vikings, according to several media reports.



In an interview posted on USA Today's website yesterday, Favre's agent Bus Cook reiterated that Favre remains retired, said he wasn't aware of any meeting with Childress, and denied Favre would return simply out of spite.

"Are there certain things about the Packers, how things ended there and he felt they didn't treat him right? That's true," Cook told the newspaper.

"Does he have a certain vendetta against them? That's not true."

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Visit: gapcanada.com
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This year, mom has probably cut back on some of her must-haves, so Mother's Day is a good time to help out with love, yes?

Go luxe with a fancy lipstick such as **Guerlain's Rouge Jewel Lipstick** ($48, Guerlain counters). Or maybe restock mom's skin care — **Dermalogica Daily Microfoliant** ($70), a gentle exfoliating powder and beauty-editor fave, is on a lot of better-budget-times wishlists. Or go natural with **Consonant Body Organic** soaps, body washes or lotions (from $12, consonantbody.com).

Beauty kits make great gift cents these days. An **H20+ Sea Salt Gift Set** brings the beach to the bathroom with Sea Salt body wash, foaming body polish and more ($30, h20plus.com). **CARGO's 7 in 7 kit** contains everything mom needs to be gorgeous in seven minutes, from concealer/foundation to lash treatment to gloss ($59, Sephora). For new mothers, **Mama Mio's You're Amazing! New Mama Kit** includes a rich body cream, relaxing-scent candle and a wee temperature-regulating snuggle cap for baby ($51, The Bay).

Help mom become her own best makeup artist. **Physicians Formula Shimmer Strips** eyeshadow palettes for blue, green, hazel and brown eyes come with how-to's for three looks from natural to dramatic ($15.79, drugstores); the **Smashbox Beauty Guru palette** has blush, bronzer, four eyeshadows and four lip colours, plus application instructions ($54, Sephora).

Smashbox Beauty Guru palette, $54.

Perfume is always a luxurious gift. Earth-friendly **Demeter Vintage Naturals** include Rosebush, Mimosa and Geranium scents and are made with natural essential oils and corn-based alcohol ($68 each, Sephora). **Elizabeth Arden Pretty** is a youthful floral with fruity topnotes and a warm amber finish ($63, department stores). **Marc Jacobs Summer Splashes** in Rain, Cucumber and Lemon are light, sophisticated odes to warm-weather fun ($80 each, Holt Renfrew).

Book mom in for a **Kérastase salon treatment**, which involves a hair consultation, pro-administered shampoo, conditioner, texture-specific boosting treatment, and a bliss-out head massage. New this year is Volumorphose, designed to add body to fine hair, and Oléo Relax Slim, which puts a lock on thick, dry, disobedient hair (about $35; call 1-866-KERASTASE for salons).

Mom's tired hands and feet could use some TLC. "Reflexology is pressure-point massage on feet and hands, which also releases body tension and stiffness," says Rose Husen, RMT and reflexologist at Concepts Salon & Spa in Toronto (pricing varies between spas or independent therapists, but generally starts at about $45 for 30 minutes).

Clockwise, from top left: Elizabeth Arden Pretty, $63; Marc Jacobs Summer Splashes, $80 each; Dermalogica Daily Microfoliant, $70; CARGO's 7 in 7 kit, $59; and Guerlain's Rouge Jewel Lipstick, $48.

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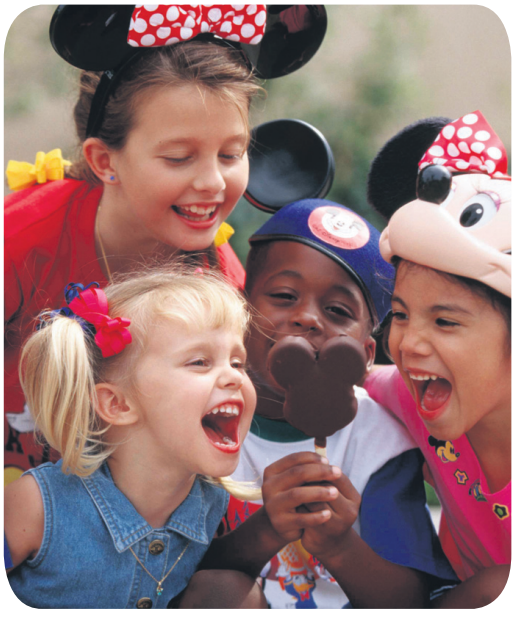

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'Cool stuff helps make life better'

Many moms don't feel they need any presents beyond breakfast in bed, or a macaroni necklace.

An informal survey reveals that all would be content to get peace of mind, their children's happiness and, at the very most, a small pot of pansies planted by wee hands.

Give Mom something she really wants, like this fuchsia shell and bead necklace, $16 at Melanie Lyne (melanielyne.com).

Yet Mother's Day, according to the National Retail Federation, has become a $13.8-billion US spending spree in the United States, ranked third behind Christmas and Valentine's Day. (Father's Day ranks sixth.)

It's unclear, then, where exactly that $13.8 billion is going, but someone is getting a lot of great stuff.

"We know cool stuff doesn't make the mom, but it certainly helps make life a little better," say Kristen Chase and Liz Gumbinner on their style-savvy Coolmompicks.com. "We didn't lose our identities when we started spawning."

Many moms have no difficulty conjuring up a wish list.

Lisa Dilich, a fitness-fond pharmacist and mother of three in suburban Chicago, dreams big, given the opportunity: "A backyard pool — you can throw in a hot tub, too — or some of those sparkly black diamonds which are so popular right now."

Mothers of teenagers or college-age kids are further removed from the time when a No. 1 Mom bookmark ruled the day. Jackie Carroll, a real estate agent in suburban Westchester County, N.Y., notes that help at home is still a high-value gift.

But, she adds, "I'd love a gift certificate for a massage, or someone to redo my closet."

Gabrielle Blair, maven of the blog Designmom.com, doesn't believe that sentimentality should come with a price tag.

"Getting spendy on a gold-plated I-Love-Mom bracelet is no good — it can't beat the macaroni necklace. But if money's going to be spent, then it might as well be on something I'd really covet, like a new pair of shoes," she says.

There are dozens of fun gifts that may please mom without breaking the bank.

Z Gallerie offers a girly, pink, bejewelled photo frame, as well as a lustrous mirrored copper one; either would be pretty on a bedside table or home office desk.

Make Mom the envy of her foursome with LIJA by Linda Hipp's Olives Skort, left, $109.99, and Classic Swell Pullover, $124.99. Available at Golf Town (golftown.com).

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'New elegance' style evokes mature tones

Suite Talk

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Where practicality meets showpiece, you'll find the Southwind model home.

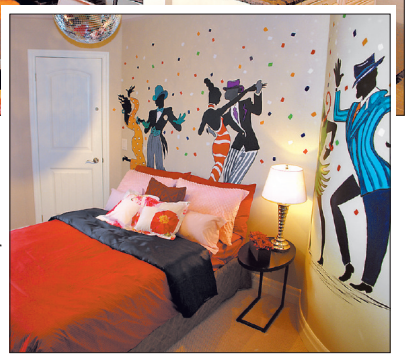
It's one of several home designs within Traditions, a Heathwood community located in Milton, Ont., on Main Street at the Niagara Escarpment.

"It's very livable, but at the same time, shows very well," said Sean Swayze, designer with Bryon Patton and Associates, the firm that designed the Southwind model.

The balance is best evoked in the open-concept main-floor living room, which Swayze deems as comfortable and entertaining. "It's a living room you'd actually use. It's not a shrine-type living room that nobody even goes into. This is really somewhere the family would go to watch TV and it's also formal enough that, when you have guests over, you can entertain there."

To fuse functions, Swayze said they chose to fashion the model in a style he calls "new elegance."

"We really wanted it to have a rich, comfortable feel," he said. "It's kind of like the new modern, which has traditional elements to it. We used deep coppers, golds, reds and khakis as our accents to give that very luxurious feel to the house."



The Southwind model home mixes the traditional with the contemporary.

Swayze said the new modern look winds through the kitchen in the large traditional wood table, matched with the addition of contemporary chairs. "We wanted a Barbara Barry-looking type of furniture — clean, tuxedo-style sofas, rich leather club chairs and lots of colour in the area rugs, but not traditional. They're more on the contemporary side," he said. "We mixed traditional with contemporary to really give it a more mature feel.

Traditions homes range from 1,241 to 3,478 square feet. Prices start at $307,900. For more, visit heathwood.com or call 905-876-3140.

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"If you have a boat, you probably visit friends on the lake, and tie up at their dock. If Owen and Rene are your friends, and you love your boat — you beach it."

Rene is Owen's older brother — he's mechanically inclined, and responsible for general upkeep of the cottage that he shares with his brother — and he's doing a great job. Owen loves the cottage life, and has only one maintenance responsibility on their island property: Take care of the dock! And if "take care" means "abandon," he's done a fantastic job.

However, if "take care" means providing a safe place to entertain friends, family and children than he needs a few lessons on what is safe and secure.

A quick tour of the floating sea-monster off the beach revealed gelcoat eating nails protruding from the sides, (barely) floating sections secured with rubber mats, missing lumber replaced (or not) with rotten leftovers, inadequate anchoring resulting in the occasional rescue mission, and of course an herb garden. This dock was not only a hazard, it was bringing down property values and curb appeal, er … lake appeal.

After a few days of fun in the sun, I'd also taught Owen how to build an attractive, expandable and virtually maintenance free dock that he and Rene can all enjoy, and actually use, for years to come. Time for a swim!

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Building a home, outside

BOOKS Home Outside by Julie Moir, Messervy, $38, Taunton, hardcover, 249 pages.

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Martha's craft encyclopedia

BOOKS Martha Stewart's Encyclopedia of Crafts, $40, Potter Craft, hardcover, 416 pages.

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Bar basics

Serve up swanky drinks at your next soirée with a well-stocked bar. But, please, no juggling à la Tom Cruise in Cocktail on your first go!
–Produced by Jenn Houlihan

glassware
- Martini (for its namesake and other fruity concoctions)
- Highball (for mixed drinks, sodas or beer)
- Tumbler (for single-spirit drinks served on the rocks)
- Wine (narrow bowl for white and wider for red)

accessories
- Jiggers
- Cocktail shaker and strainer
- Stirrers
- Corkscrew and bottle opener
- Zester
- Muddler (mojitos, anyone?)
- Ice bucket and tongs
- Small knife and cutting board (for fruit)
- Manual juicer
- Blender (to make drinks worthy of paper umbrellas)
- Napkins and a few tea towels (to mop up spills)

alcohol
- Vodka (the base for many mixed drinks)
- Gin (it was good enough for the Queen Mum!)
- White rum
- Tequila
- Red and white wine
- Champagne (who needs an occasion to celebrate?)
- Beer

mixers
- Tonic and soda water
- Cola
- Ginger ale
- Juices (orange, pomegranate, grapefruit, cranberry, Clamato)

garnishes
- Olives
- Cherries
- Celery
- Mint leaves
- Sugar (for rimming)
- Lemons and limes

Remember, if you serve guests alcohol, you're responsible for them even after they leave. Always have designated drivers, and if anyone overindulges, offer the pullout or call a cab.

Items here include: Cocktail shaker $25; Felix martini glasses $10 each; Quadro glass vase (holding leaves) $33; jigger, tongs, bottle opener, strainer and stand $60 per set (includes spoon and ice bucket, not shown); Crate and Barrel (crateandbarrel.ca). Kate Spade for Lenox Noel crystal ice bucket (holding fruit) $208; Alessi stainless steel tray $151; William Ashley (williamashley.com).

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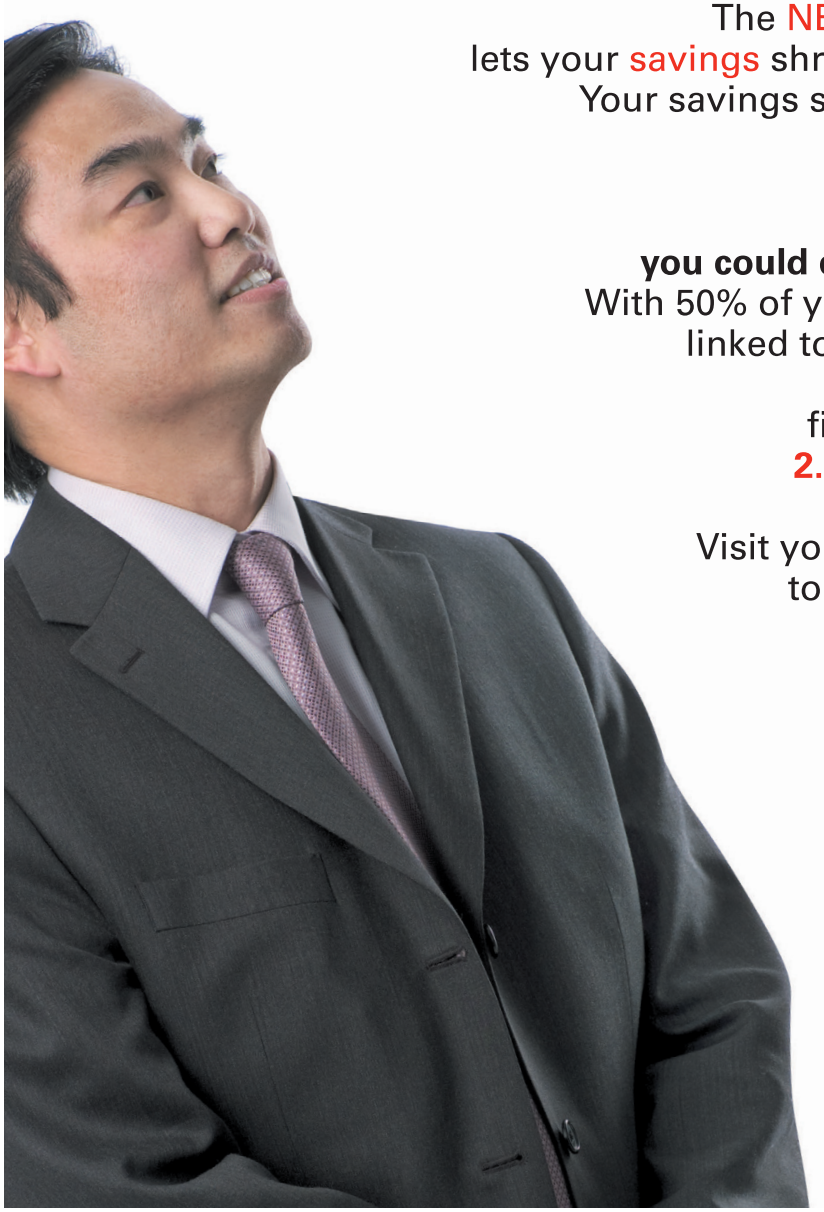

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Fruit trees, a perfect addition to your yard

What could be more delightful than to be able to pluck and eat fruit from a tree that you also admire for its beauty?

Every quality valued in a landscape tree — whether it's textured bark, fall leaf colour, bright flowers, even decorative fruits — can also be found in some trees bearing edible fruits.

First, a reality check

When it comes to "luscious landscaping" with fruit trees, special considerations are needed. Think twice before planting an especially bountiful tree near a terrace or driveway. Excess dropped fruit could create a mess.

And producing fruit — especially high-quality fruit — demands an extra measure of energy from a tree, so also pay attention to choosing a site with sun and soil that suits it.

Pests might present a problem when landscaping with fruit. Yet trying to spray one fruit tree nestled among other plants or growing near a terrace brings its own set of problems. You don't want pesticides to fall on nearby plants or in areas where people — especially children — play or lounge outdoors.

The best way to avoid the need for spraying is to do something else before you even plant: Choose an appropriate tree for your region, one that is handsome and pest resistant, and bears tasty fruits.

Large, luscious fruited, ornamental trees

Among larger trees, for example, consider American persimmon (Diospyros Americana) and hackberry (Celtis Occidentalis).

Persimmon has gracefully arching limbs, checkered bark and slightly bluish leaves. The rich, sweet fruits of American persimmon have the taste and texture of wet, dried apricots that have been dipped in honey along with a dash of spice. They dangle like Christmas ornaments from the branches well into fall.

Hackberry is related to American elm and has a similarly pleasing, vase-shaped growth habit. The real beauty of this plant is more subtle, though, and that is its bark, which is grey and punctuated with corky ridges that cast crisp shadows reminiscent of a lunar landscape. The fruits, are small, round and as sweet as dates.

Fruits from medium-sized trees

Two examples of medium-size ornamental trees bearing edible fruits are cornelian cherry (Cornus Mas) and pawpaw (Asimina Triloba).

Cornelian cherry is mostly planted as an ornamental only because people don't realize that the fruit is edible. The fruits look and taste very much like tart cherries.

Pawpaw is a lush tree whose large, dark green leaves would look perfectly at home in a tropical forest. The fruit has a creamy texture and flavour much like banana, along with hints of pineapple, avocado and mango. Despite its tropical airs, pawpaw happily survives frigid winters where temperatures dip well below -17 C.

Small, pretty trees bearing tasty fruits

If you lack the space to plant a large or medium-size tree, there are a number of small trees that are pretty and bear tasty morsels.

Juneberry (Amelanchier spp.), for example. This tree is a cloud of white blossoms in spring, and fiery purple, orange and yellow leaves in fall. Even in winter, juneberries liven the landscape subtly with their smooth, grey bark and neat form. The blueberry-size fruit is sweet and juicy, with the richness of sweet cherry and almond.

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Secrets to having a green thumb

- The proverbial green thumb is admired by many of us who don't have one. As the neighbours' gardens and flowers start to bloom, green thumb envy is inevitable. Sure, it takes some skill and talent to grow a magnificent garden, but it's not impossible to develop a green thumb in time for gardening season this summer.
- First, remember to keep insects at bay. Some insects can wreak havoc on plants. So, spray both upper and lower leaves with neem or pyola oil on a seven to 10 day cycle to keep these critters away.
- Second, it's important to get familiar with your environment, especially soil conditions. Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC), an international children's charity has helped families plant essential food items in challenging climates in parts of Africa and South America for close to 50 years. "Soil quality can be poor in certain areas," says Carol Froom, vice-president of marketing and communications for CCFC. "So, the key is to understand the type of soil you're working with and then plant the appropriate seeds."

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Non-toxic paints on the up and up

Painters and customers alike are going the ecological route with wall colouring

Spring often brings the urge to clean, perhaps to liven up a room with a fresh coat of paint. Now that can be done with eco-friendly paints that don't give off noxious odours.

The non-toxic arm of the household paint world is booming, and many companies have entered the market.

AFM's Safecoat brand is the granddaddy of the non-toxic paint business, having been in the market for 25 years. Boutique brands, including Mythic and YOLO Colorhouse, have cropped up in recent years, and industry giants tout their own non-toxic, latex brands.

Sherwin Williams has its Harmony line, while Home Depot sells Freshaire Choice. Benjamin Moore already sells its low-toxic Aura but is rolling out a new, zero-VOC interior paint called Natura that it says will be available in all of its nearly 3,000 colours.

"Everyone is trying to paint a green face on themselves," said David Johnston, 58, of Boulder, Colo., a building consultant who wrote Green from the Ground Up: Sustainable, Healthy and Energy-Efficient Home Construction (Taunton, 2008).

"That 'new house smell,' as much as we've come to love it, is really a flag that there's something in the air that we don't want our kids to breathe," said Johnston.

VOC refers to volatile organic compounds, those chemical additives that make regular paint work its magic: They help it roll on smoothly, dry fast and prevent mildew. Some of these chemicals are natural (but still toxic), such as formaldehyde, which is added to curtail chipping.

Not all paints have the same types and frequency of VOCs, which can cause smog and deplete the ozone. Some of the compounds have been linked to cancer, and the paint smell that lingers for days or weeks after painting is the "off gassing" of these chemicals.

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that exposure to paints high in VOCs can cause headaches, dizziness and vision problems, among other symptoms, depending on what chemicals are in the paint, how long the exposure is and a person's age (kids are more vulnerable). These paints are regulated, to some degree, and cannot include more than 250 grams per litre of VOCs.

Non-toxic latex paint is not regulated. The most eco-friendly paints have zero VOCs, but some paints are low-VOC, with 50 grams per litre.

So how does a consumer know if a paint brand really is non-toxic?

Industry insiders suggest a simple sniff test: If the paint smells noxious, it has VOCs, perhaps a lot of them. If it's odourless, or smells like fresh milk, then it's likely a non-toxic paint.

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This photo shows a child's bedroom painted in Natura Sunburst. Above left: This photo shows a nursery painted in Natura Key Lime. Among the features of the Natura line is the fact that it is a zero-VOC (volatile-organic-compound) paint.

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The million dollar question these days seems to revolve around how to really take advantage of this buyer's market. It seems many of us lucky Torontonians have finally embraced the idea that our real estate market remains a rather worthwhile investment and that, in many cases, stands as arguably the best place to entrust our hard earned dollars. Now we want to know how we can really milk this buyer's market, which appears to promise some very lucrative real estate investment options.

Like all journeys not yet travelled, it makes good sense to take things one step at a time.

The starting step here means determining your down payment options. If you find that, for instance, you cannot comfortably invest more than about five per cent of the purchase price of the property then you've already focused your options tremendously, as the resale market shall now be your guiding light. There is of course a much more technical element of investments that involves an assessment of the projected return on your investment, but for our current purposes the next question you want to answer is, do you plan on living at the property, or is it solely for investment purposes.

The reason this question is important is because my experiences have taught me that the property that is the best investment will virtually never double as the property you'd choose to live in. When it comes to buying a property and renting it out, chances are your mantra follows something along the lines of the absolute cheapest box in the busiest rental area. If you're looking to actually live in the dwelling, unless you have a certain affinity to the grungy, chances are you're dancing to the tune of a different song.

If you're planning on living in the place, congratulations, you need not worry about the investment side of the coin nearly as much because while you want to ensure you're making a healthy purchase, you're buying a home, not a stock. Do your homework and work with a trustworthy professional to secure a solid property but always remember that it's your home first, and an investment second.

For those of us primarily looking at the real estate as an investment, your down payment will determine to a large extent, your options and therefore your potential returns. The most affordable yet worthwhile residential real-estate investment remains the small- to medium-sized single bedroom condo near the downtown core, in a building where you can rent to both high-end medical students as well as professionals, yet not over-run with availability. Not simply a downtown condo with a good rental history. See the difference? Quality of tenant is just as important, if not more so, than "rentability." Especially when the potential to have it all is quite realistic. You just have to know what you're looking for.

Remember the goal is to replace the dollars leaving your pocket on mortgage payments with the rent payment cheques coming in. Even in today's market your main source of profit will come from appreciation — the eventual sale of your condo. If you can turn a positive cash flow on a monthly basis — bonus.

Now as I'd mentioned there is a much more technical level to the real-estate investment business, which I would love to discuss now but am restricted by the confines of this space. So I will be sure to carry on next week. In the meantime, remember, you can't secure anything, including a successful real-estate investment, if you're not sure what it is you're really looking for.

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Tackling the raccoons

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I have a problem convincing anybody that I'm the boss around here. As if it wasn't bad enough with my pubescent children challenging my hegemony daily, the neighbourhood raccoons have decided to up the ante.

Clapping, hissing, or stamping of feet was traditionally sufficient to give Rosie Raccoon and her brood the message, and send the little family scurrying. But this year it's different. The other night, it was I who was marooned on the sidewalk while a posse of raccoons stared me down from my own porch.

After I discovered that the usual routine made next to no impression in persuading them to leave, I wondered whether I would have to do a "bluff" charge, like a bear? And if I did, would they nip at my legs? As I contemplated my next course of action, they yawned (what a bore I was), and slowly and disinterestedly made their way up the eaves trough and lumbered leisurely across my neighbour's roof without a backward glance.

And now that the raccoons have got me pegged, the gang comes back regularly with their buddies in tow. And they're all equally disrespectful.

When I hear them, I open the side door with a dramatic flourish and shout, "Ah ha, I've caught you, you little devils." The one in the compost container just stares at me. This raccoon, who I'll call Vinny, seems to be the confrontational type. If he could talk, he'd be saying, "Whatchu gonna do 'bout it?" The others, all members of the same gang, stop in their tracks and watch, expressionless.

After a moment (during which I'll admit that I'm feeling a twinge of intimidation), I snap out of it and brandish my broom, and make what I consider to be threatening noises. They look totally unimpressed, but they do reluctantly start to leave the area.

I know they'll be back as soon as I retire to my living room again. The fault is ultimately mine, of course. I used to have a little shed to house my garbage, but it's been demolished as part of a landscaping plan, so my temporary garbage and composting solution is like a dinner bell to the raccoons.

They're kinda cute, it's true. But cuteness means very little after you've forced your loudly complaining son (whose job it is to deal with the garbage) to clean up half-composted dinner scraps for the umpteenth time. What a headache!

The raccoons are only doing what they need to do, but all the same, they're the guests from hell. They make a huge mess, plus they take their washroom breaks in your backyard. And this is no laughing matter since raccoon wastes can make people, particularly young children who play in the dirt or a backyard sandbox, ill.

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Rule number one is make your garbage inaccessible to the raccoons. Put it in a shed and put a lock or good-quality closure on the shed door. Raccoons can be quite clever and can figure out pretty quickly how to open door closure systems.

At the very least, get a tight fitting lid or use bungee cords or latches, buckles or other attachments to secure the lid of garbage and compost containers tightly. Some people also hang the compost on a hook a couple of inches above the ground to thwart raccoons who have discovered that knocking over a compost container can pop open the clasp.

And remember to take the garbage out to the curb with bungee cords removed and buckles unfastened on the morning of pickup, not the night before.

Whatever obstacles you put in their way, raccoons can demonstrate some pretty determined behaviour. They can gnaw through plastic garbage cans to get at their dinner, and they won't leave until you make it very clear that they will no longer be invited. You can be the boss, but let me assure you, those wily raccoons will make you work for it.

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Yes you can...maintain your garden

With the recent pesticide ban in Ontario, homeowners may find that some of the products they have used in the past are no longer available. However the desire to have a thick healthy lawn and lush beautiful garden remains the desire of many.

"Weeds in the lawn and pests in the garden are the two most common problems lawn and garden enthusiasts face. Homeowners have numerous choices to help win the backyard battle," according to Glenn Martin, senior marketing manager, sustainability and healthy lawns for Scotts Canada.

Corn gluten is an excellent product that if applied in early spring will prevent both weed and crab grass seeds from germinating. To help prevent weeds from establishing a foothold in your lawn, keep a thick healthy lawn throughout the season to help crowd them out.

Maintaining a thick healthy lawn starts with a quality lawn fertilizer high in nitrogen that should be applied four times throughout the growing season — early spring, late spring, early summer and early fall.

Overseeding — the process of top dressing your lawn with a quality weed free lawnsoil then applying grass seed throughout helps fill in thin patches where weeds do particularly well in establishing themselves.

Some gardeners will weed by hand, some will plant native species and use mulch to reduce pests and conserve water, while others will try alternative products. Many Canadians try to manage their lawns and gardens in a way that will "make a difference" to the environment.

"The Scotts EcoSense line of products provides families with alternatives to conventional lawn and garden care products," Scotts is the leader in providing gardeners with effective products so there are solutions in this new environment of uncertainty and confusion," Martin says.

The Scotts EcoSense line up of products includes a natural lawn fertilizer, ready-to-use weed and insect control sprays, slug and snail baits and yellow jacket pheromone traps.

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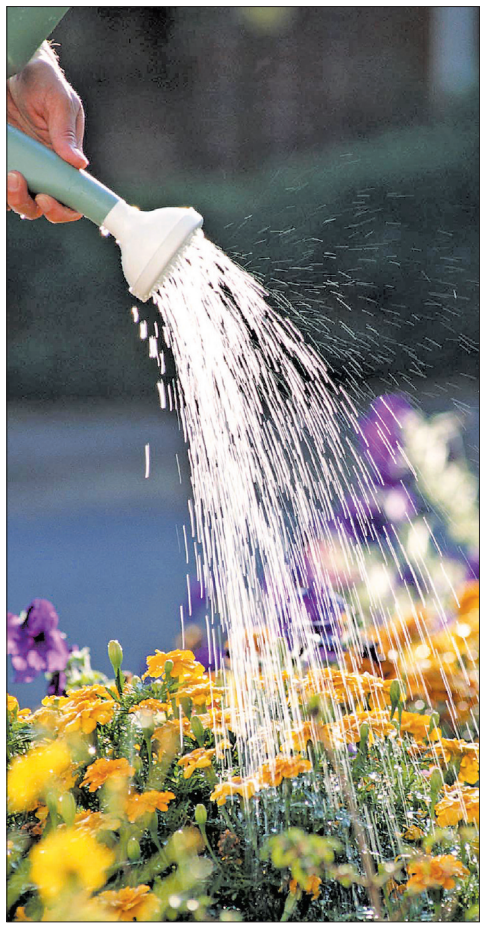
Glenn Martin with Scotts Canada



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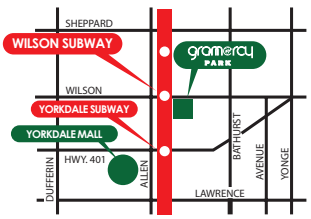

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Condo balcony considerations

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Q I am the owner of a condo in Toronto and have been contacted in writing by the Board of Directors that I must remove the small TV satellite dish from my balcony as they are against the rules of the condo corp. The dish is actually not mounted to the wall and is under a chair covered in a plastic bag and cannot be seen from the street. Why should I be forced to remove an item from my balcony that provides me with a great deal of entertainment and isn't a hindrance to anyone's sight lines or the overall look of the building?

A You raise a few interesting issues. The first is that condo rules are often instituted to maintain the consistency of the overall ascetics of the building such as only white window coverings or no barbecues on balconies (aside from the smoke rising into your neighbour's balcony). These rules are almost across the board for most condos and are contained in the documents you receive when you purchase the condo. Your situation does not necessarily fall into this category because you say that your satellite dish is concealed (I have no idea how satellite technology works but I find it hard to believe that a dish under a chair in a plastic bag would get good reception?).

A second consideration that a lot of condo owners do not remember is that often they do not own the balcony: It is what is known as exclusive use property by the corporation (the owner of the adjoining unit has use of the space but does not have absolute control of the space). Condo boards can and will pass rules that restrict what is placed on the balcony from the flooring to the candle holders on the wall. You need to consult the rules and the board members to make sure you are not violating any of these rules. These rules can be changed but only by the board and probably not by just one voice who wants a satellite dish.

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The demise of denim?

Global style inspires women to turn to soft, slouchy trousers

A funny thing happened on the way to the recession. Denim met its demise.

You would think that jeans, perhaps the most proletarian piece of apparel, known for durability, strength and versatility, would soar in these times.

But blue jeans appear to have fallen out of favour with women. After a long reign in fashion, where denim was a demi-god, seemingly unstoppable with its many transformations and permutations, the allure now seems to be fading.

> **"The one great wardrobe updater this year is the pant."**
> Susie Sheffman, Fashion magazine

A recent Dow Jones Newswires story stated that sales for three of the sector's publicly traded players — True Religion, 7 For All Mankind and Joe's Jeans — have declined in department stores.

In a market saturated with too many brands and stratospheric prices, have jeans become their own worst enemy?

Overzealous brands ripped them to shreds, tricked them out with rhinestones and sequins and jacked up prices to make them as expensive as couture gowns. Skinny jeans became as snug as leggings.

Acid washed and shredded jeans appeared on the Paris runways for spring 2009 at Balmain's show, accompanied by the whopping price tag of $2,100 US. In its fall collection, D&G showed jeans with legs encrusted in enormous crystals.

Levi Strauss would chuckle at the excess of pants he originally intended as tough workwear for men during the California Gold Rush.

Like Icarus, denim seems to have forgotten its humble beginnings, and after soaring too high must now fall back to earth.

Writer Daniel Akst, in a recent Wall Street Journal column, cites the ubiquity of denim as the cause. "Denim was a symbol of youthful defiance, embraced by Marlon Brando, James Dean," he wrote.

"Now we're all rebels, even a billionaire CEO like Steve Jobs, who wears blue jeans and a black turtleneck whenever unveiling new Apple Computer products."

But the laws of fashion, and the ups and downs of the marketplace, dictate that the void must be filled. And if jeans are out, a different sort of trouser must step up.

This summer, the trouser surfaces in a variety of shapes: Drop-crotch, dhoti, high-waisted, full-leg, peg-leg, multi-pleated, harem — all different styles and all taking great strides to topple jeans in the popularity contest.

"The one great wardrobe updater this year is the pant," says Susie Sheffman, fashion director at Fashion magazine.

But why not a simple pair of black trousers? Why all these weird, unusual shapes?

"Because we all have a simple pair of black pants in our wardrobes already," she says. "Even in tough times we want a hit of fashion. And these are pants that are available in a variety of price points."

One thing they all have in common is a roomier, slouchy fit in easy, draping fabrics.

"These looser-fit trousers are more comfortable and flattering on many more body types," explains Maha Zeibak, co-owner of the cool Yorkville boutique UPC. Her business partner Anat Lowe pipes in: "For summer, these pants fall away from the body, rather than cling."

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LEFT: High-waisted cargo pants worn by Karen Richter, showroom manager at H&M. (Available at H&M, $59.90).

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Visitors view a setup mimicking a Richard Avedon photo, left, during a preview of The Model as Muse: Embodying Fashion exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Models are snapshot of style

CONTEST The best models not only are admired for their physical gifts, they also inspire an exploration of art, an examination of culture and a mad rush to buy clothes that might look utterly ridiculous to the untrained eye.

What these women have that other pretty girls don't, say fashion insiders, is the ability to convey personality as well as represent their moment in time.

They also have their own new exhibit at The Costume Institute of The Metropolitan Museum of Art called The Model as Muse: Embodying Fashion, which had a star-studded opening Monday night with a gala dinner hosted by Vogue's Anna Wintour, Marc Jacobs, Kate Moss and Justin Timberlake.

Photograph after photograph of the names and faces you know — Twiggy, Jerry Hall, Beverly Johnson, Iman, Moss and the trio of Christy Turlington Burns, Naomi Campbell and Linda Evangelista, known as "the Trinity" — hang on the hallowed walls of the museum's Tisch Galleries.

Also displayed are some of the clothes they introduced to the mainstream.

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In brief

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A star turn

Jill Hennessy enjoys the Lymelife in her first silver-screen breakout role

By **LAURA DECARUFEL**
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Wearing ripped jeans and an Indigo Girls T-shirt, Jill Hennessy used to sit outside Toronto's Bathurst subway station with her guitar and a honey jar half-filled with loose change. "I did a lot of Tracy Chapman, Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen," she remembers with a laugh. "I didn't think that acting was going to pan out, to be honest. I'd think 'Who's gonna hire me?'"

Twenty years later, the answer is as clear as the steely-eyed gaze Hennessy adopted to such effect in her most popular TV roles: Claire Kincaid, the assistant DA, on Law & Order, and Dr. Jordan Cavanaugh, a medical examiner with a talent for crime-solving, on Crossing Jordan.

Hennessy's latest star turn is in Lymelife, a movie about adultery, teenage angst and (yes) Lyme disease set in 1970s Long Island. Helmed by first-time director Derick Martini, it boasts an A-list pedigree: actors Alec Baldwin, Cynthia Nixon, Timothy Hutton, Emma Roberts and Kieran and Rory Culkin and executive producer Martin Scorsese.

"It was a huge responsibility and also a joy," she says of her role as the family matriarch. "Kieran and Rory [who play her sons] remind me of my family — I felt like I'd known them for ages." Her husband is played by Alec Baldwin, whom Hennessy calls "one of the funniest people alive." Read more in the May issue of ELLE Canada!

POP ART

Hermès' classic SilkyPop transforms from a trim, zippered leather clutch into an elegant bag. Now, the bookish types at Indigolife have come up with a similarly jaunty tote with fashion cred and a more workaday purpose: Their silkscreened foldable tote goes from a pocket clutch to a roomy shopping bag. The hardy canvas tote comes in turquoise, grass green, marine blue and chocolate brown and is sturdy enough to lug a stack of spring reading to the café ($20, at select Chapters and Indigo stores across Canada).

SilkyPop bag ($975, at Hermès boutiques)

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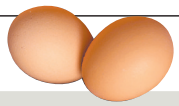

Egg head

Choline, a substance found in egg yolks, stimulates brain development and function and has been recognized as an essential nutrient by Health Canada. Two large eggs provide an adult with the recommended daily intake of choline. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

Look for small- to medium-sized lemons. They have a thinner skin and are juicier than large ones. Choose plump and brightly coloured lemons that are heavy for their size.

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Pass on green

Avoid lemons tinted with green as they will be tart with less flavour.

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Lemon sunshine for Mom

À la carte

Barb Holland

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Not all desserts have to be rich. Inspire your family and treat mom this Mother's Day with a light, luscious, healthy dessert (no, that's not an oxymoron). This baked lemon pudding is just one recipe from a new booklet from the Egg Farmers of Canada. The other recipes include a Fruit Bliss, Toffee Meringue Kisses, a Vanilla Cream Delight and Heavenly Baked Alaska. More recipes are available at getcracking.ca.

Treat your mom with a light lemon pudding.

Lemon Pudding Paradise

Lemon is one of my favourite flavours when it comes to desserts — light and refreshing for a perfect ending to a meal. This pudding cake (a light cake on top of a lemony custard) can be served warm or cold, so it can be made ahead. Makes 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 eggs, separated
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
- Pinch salt
- 2 tsp (10 ml) grated lemon zest
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) fresh lemon juice (2 lemons)
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter, melted
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) milk
- Icing sugar, optional

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Butter a 4 cup (1 L) baking dish.

Beat egg whites in a large bowl until stiff but not dry.

In a separate bowl, stir together sugar, flour and salt. Whisk in lemon zest, lemon juice, butter, milk and egg yolks. Gently fold whipped whites into lemon mixture. Pour into baking dish. Place baking dish in a shallow pan of hot water so that the water rises 1 inch (2.5 cm) up the sides of the baking dish. Bake until top is lightly browned, about 30 to 40 minutes. Serve warm or cold.

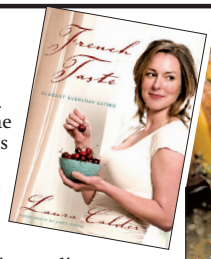
Serve with a dusting of icing sugar, if desired.

Tips:

- Keep it fresh — eggs should be stored in their original carton. This will protect them and prevent them from absorbing strong odours from other foods in the refrigerator. Store eggs in the main body of the refrigerator to ensure they are kept at a consistent and cool temperature.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

French food made elegantly simple



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Laura Calder will signing books tonight at 7 p.m. at the Yonge&Eglinton Indigo.

COOKBOOK Laura Calder, host of Food Network Canada's French Food at Home, is determined to show that French food can be far easier and lighter than it's reputation as a rich, complicated cuisine. Metro got a hold of this wonderfully simple recipe from her book French Taste (HarperCollins Canada) that delights the eyes as much as the palate.

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Accordion Potatoes

A woman I once cooked with in the south of France taught me this method for potatoes, and I still love to make them when I'm in the mood for a little fun. All you do is slice potatoes, without cutting through all the way, so that the slices remain hinged at the bottom. When the potatoes bake, the slices get crisp and golden, fanning out slightly like leaves in a book, like a jewelry box for rings, like the folds of a gypsy's accordion ... However you want to think of them, they're awfully cute.

Makes 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds (900 g) medium-small potatoes, such as Yukon Gold or red potatoes
- Bay leaves and thyme sprigs
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) melted butter

METHOD:

Heat the oven to 375°F (190°C). Cut the potatoes crosswise, as for hard-cooked eggs, into slices no thicker than your finger, but cut only about three-quarters of the way through.

Lay the herbs between a few of the folds. Arrange the potatoes on a baking sheet, and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle with oil and melted butter, and bake until golden and crisp on the outside and soft inside, 45 minutes to an hour.

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Chile chillin'

I just got back from South America and boy is my palate tired. Two weeks of sniffing and spitting some of the best Chilean and Argentinean wine certainly takes its toll.

Of the two countries, Chile offered the most surprises. The wines from Santa Rita and Carmen are great examples that over-deliver in the glass. Located next door to each other the sister wineries are two of the Maipo Valley's best.

Their beef-friendly **2005 Medalla Real Cabernet Sauvignon ($19.95 - $25.99)** was a standout. Cabernet is Chile's flagship grape and this version is layered with earthy black fruit, ripe tannins and chewy vanilla oak.

For a match with fresh white fish (a Chilean favourite) try **Carmen's 2008 Sauvignon Blanc ($10.90 - $13.99)**. Crisp and lightly fruity, it's representative of the modernity that is becoming the Chilean hallmark.

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Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

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Entertainment

Farrah's Story

Farrah Fawcett's cancer battle is to be the subject of a TV news special. Her two-year fight has been captured on video and now the footage will make up a two-hour special, called Farrah's Story. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Ben Harper and Relentless7

Album: White Lies for Dark Times **Label:** Virgin/EMI
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐🌐

GUITARIST BEN HARPER has delivered so much consistently fine music over the past 15 years that it's easy to take him for granted. We shouldn't. He's too good for that. On this latest project, Harper finds fresh approaches to his rootsy electric explorations with the help of a new band, a bass, guitar and drums trio he's dubbed Relentless7. With the help of co-producer Danny Kalb (founder of '60s seminal band The Blues Project), Harper gives us 11 original tracks that showcase his delicate guitar work and pleading vocal style. Despite the bleak lyrical passages, there is an upbeat underpinning to the tracks that owes as much to the Celtic funk influences of Richard Thompson and John Martyn as it does to the southern jazz/blues rock of the Allman Brothers. Give this one a careful listen.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Pink Mountaintops

Album: Outside Love
Label: Jagjaguwar
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐

VANCOUVER'S STEPHEN MCBEAN has earned major points recently with his stoner rock band Black Mountain, a Deep Purplish throwback to the early '70s. Pink Mountaintops is an eclectic side project that allows McBean and a motley collective of indie roots rockers to test more ambitious waters. McBean sets the tone on the opening track, Axis: Thrones of Love, with its crackling Phil Spector-style "wall-of-sound." It's a noble attempt but comes off almost as a novelty track rather than a scene setter for the vein-opening, love-death-rebirth opera of vampiric

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romance that follows. But lyrics like "no light of the sun could suck out the life of my love," at times leave us looking for relief in the next Black Mountain CD.

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Bif Naked

Album: The Promise
Label: HRM Records
Rating: 🌐🌐½

THE PROMISE STARTS out with anger and rage on the standout tracks Crash And Burn and Sick. It's what you'd expect from an album recorded while the singer was undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer. Those two opening songs put a fitting edge to Bif Naked's tried and true formula of guitar-powered punk-pop. But the album takes a dive on the third track, an unfortunate bit of cliche-ridden radio fluff called Bluejay that can't unsnag its way out of its "fly-away-from-me" trap. Bif is best when she's flashing the attitude, but it seems staged on F*** You 2. There are plenty of worthy moments on this album, like the psychodrama of Honeybee and the tattooed innocence of Ciao Bella, but at times it all seems a little too contrived.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Pilot Speed

Album: Wooden Bones
Label: MapleMusic/Universal
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐

SINCE FORMING IN 2000 as Pilate, Toronto's Pilot Speed (the group changed its moniker three years ago) has always straddled the line between overwrought Coldplay-isms and down to earth indie pop. On this effort, the foursome once again delivers an infectious, but somewhat unbalanced song set. Wooden Bones' opener, Put The Phone Down, is a solid track of mid-'90s Can-rock-meets-Snow Patrol, but Bluff is an airy, emotive piano tune that's a total fit for the Grey's Anatomy soundtrack. The guys are headed in the right direction, but they need to steer even further away from the cheese if they want to make their mark.

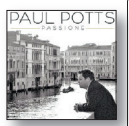
Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

EMI MUSIC PHOTO

On his latest album, White Lies for Dark Times, Ben Harper — with the help of new band Relentless7 — serves up 11 original tracks that showcase his delicate guitar work and pleading vocal style.

Paul Potts

Album: Passione
Label: Sony Music
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐



WITH BRITAIN'S GOT Talent sensation Susan Boyle all over the place these days, it's fitting that another down-on-his-luck amateur singer, who made it big on BGT, has a new disc to promote. Paul Potts, once a manager at Carphone Warehouse, is now an operatic sensation. His debut, One Chance, topped the charts in a number of countries, and his new effort should do the same. It's filled with soaring Italian classics, backed by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra. If easy-on-the-ears opera is your thing, sung by a seriously talented reality TV star, then this disc is a sure bet.

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Bono tribute to Elvis set for broadcast

MUSIC The poetry doesn't rise to a Shakespearean level but the sentiments in Bono's tribute to Elvis Presley seem heartfelt.

In an unusual performance, the U2 frontman reads an original poem honouring America's original rocker as part of the BBC's poetry season.

"Elvis woke up my heart," Bono says near the end of the work, which celebrates Presley's small-town Mississippi roots and global influence. It will be broadcast May 13 on BBC, after more than a decade of sitting on a shelf.

The singer hails Elvis for his early work, when the former truck driver emerged from the Memphis music scene to shake America to its very roots. THE ASSOCIATED PRESSS

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Reynolds' Deadpool going solo

Ryan Reynolds will soon have the entire screen to himself to show off those biceps. His Deadpool character from X-Men Origins: Wolverine is being developed for a spin-off star vehicle, trade papers report. PEOPLE.COM

Chris Pine, right, and Zachary Quinto star as Kirk and Spock in the rebooted version of Star Trek, in theatres today.

A popcorn enterprise

Star Trek
Director: J.J. Abrams
Stars: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

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Metro World News

After last week's dour X-Men Origins: Wolverine, the summer movie season really gets going with the bombastic reboot of Star Trek. Director J.J. Abrams has taken a franchise that's spawned 10 feature films (and one inspired parody, Galaxy Quest) and made it new again.

In what could easily have been Star Trek: The College Years, the film brings together the crew of the USS Enterprise for their maiden voyage to do battle with a black hole-building Romulan with a chip on his shoulder (Eric Bana, with Mike Tyson-like face tattoos).

In the midst of the crisis, the filmmakers reinvigorate well-worn heroes Kirk (Chris Pine) and Spock (Zachary Quinto) by sprinkling on liberal amounts of daddy issues — the same that make up much of the personal drama on Abrams and producer Damon Lindelof's Lost.

But clever plotting aside, it's the interactions of the young crewmembers that keep the picture humming.

It helps that Kirk and Spock spend much of the movie barely tolerating each other, something that makes sense given their temperaments. And it makes the development of their famous friendship that much more interesting. But Karl Urban delightfully steals all of his scenes as medical officer (Bones) McCoy, and not just because he gets all the classic lines.

There are some missteps, to be sure, like the bizarre stunt-casting of Tyler Perry as the head of Starfleet. But they're not nearly enough to sink an otherwise stellar popcorn movie.

After recent downers like The Dark Knight and Watchmen, it's refreshing to see a big-budget expression of giddy adventure.

On the web

- For Star Trek photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Start Trek Thursday screen times

- **DOWNTOWN** Market Square, 7-9:30; Varsity, 7-7:15-10-10:05; Yonge-Eglinton Centre, 7-10; Yonge & Dundas 24, 7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11-12-1.
- **WEST END** Queensway, 7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11; Woodbine Centre, 7-9:45
- **EAST END** Beach Cinemas, 7-10
- **NORTH YORK** Empress Walk, 7:15-8-9:30-10:15-11; SilverCity Yorkdale 6, 7-7:30-10-10:30; Silvercity Fairview, 7-7:30-10-10:30
- **SCARBOROUGH** Eglinton Town Centre, 7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11; 401 & Morningside, 7-7:40-10-10:30
- **PEEL REGION** Coliseum 10, 7:05-7:30-8-10-10:30-11; Courtney Park 16, 7-10-12:01; Orion Gate Grande, 7-7:30-10-10:30
- **NORTH** Aurora Cinemas, 7-7:30-10-10:30; Colossus 19, 7:10-7:40-8:15-10:15-10:45-11:30, IMAX 7-9:45-12:30; Elgin Mills 10, 7-7:20-10-10:20; First Markham Place, 7-7:30-10-10:30; Promenade Mall, 7:05-9:35; SilverCity Newmarket, 7-7:30-10-10:30; SilverCity Richmond Hill, 7-7:30-10-10:30
- **HALTON** SilverCity Burlington 8, 7-7:20-10:10-10:30; SilverCity Oakville, 7-7:10-10-10:10; SilverCity Brampton, 7-7:30-10-10:30
- **DURHAM** Ajax, 7:10-7:40-10:15-10:35; Pickering 8, 8:15; Whitby 24, 7-10

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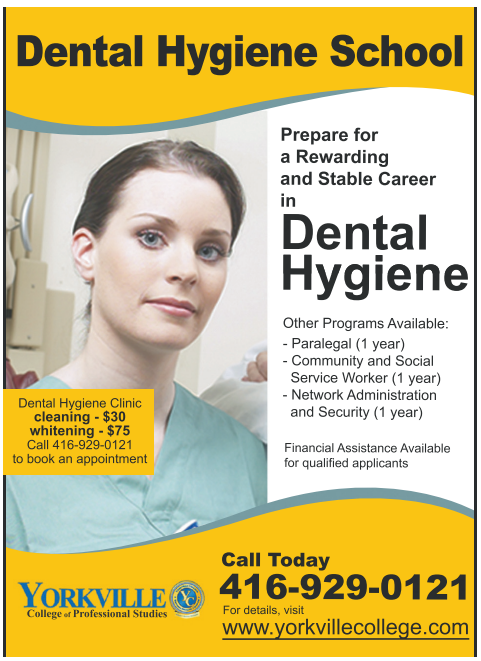

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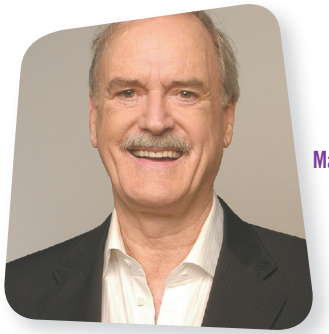

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A boxer's tragedy

Tyson looks at man behind controversy

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Director James Toback has made a career studying lives lived on the edge.

From the twisted recesses of his audacious 1978 debut Fingers, to the controversial excesses of his volatile 1999 drama Black and White, Toback has never been one to shy away from extreme characters and the often tragic consequences their actions provoke.

That's why the real life subject of his latest film, former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, seems such a perfect fit for his palette.

The controversial fighter has had a scabrous relationship with the media in his almost three decades in the public eye and due to a myriad of unsavoury personal and professional incidents has become more loathed that loved. Tyson is an outlet for the controversial figure to tell his side of things.

Director James Toback reveals the inner life of former boxing champ Mike Tyson in Tyson.

"The whole point of making this was to be a kind of confessional," says Toback, in town recently to promote the films appearance at Hot Docs.

"I didn't want to grill (Tyson) but rather allow him to open up, like he was speaking to himself."

Toback's film positions the camera on Tyson's face and, outside of archive footage insertions and split screen techniques applied in post production, stays there letting the still hulking fighter expose every inch of his alternately sordid and splendid past.

Toback believes the ultimate effect is akin to a kind of tragedy of Greek proportions.

"It's the story of someone who starts life with nothing, rises up and bottoms out twice because of his problems," says the filmmaker. "And because of his experiences, I really think Mike finally understands how truly insane life can be."

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Flaming Lips frontman apologizes for taking aim at the Arcade Fire in Rolling Stone

BUNFIGHT Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne has apologized after calling Montreal indie-rockers Arcade Fire "pompous."

"I really feel bad about it," Coyne said in an interview posted on Entertainment Weekly's website. "I like enough of their music. The idea that I'm somehow against them ... I'm not!"

That statement stands in stark contrast to the comments he made in an obscenity-laced March interview with Rolling Stone. "I'm a fan of them on one level, but on another level I get really tired of their pompousness," Coyne said at the time. He also accused Arcade Fire of treating their crew and fans like crap — though he used a different four-letter word.

"I thought, 'Who do they think they are?' I don't know why people put up with it," Coyne said. "I wouldn't put up with it. I don't care if it's Arcade Fire or Brian Eno." Now, Coyne says he regrets what he said. "I wish that had never happened," he told Entertainment Weekly. "I didn't necessarily mean it about the people in the Arcade Fire. I meant it about the guys that were running their stages at a couple of festivals."

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MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Wayne Coyne

Braxton impersonator is jailed for faux show

A Las Vegas-based entertainer has been jailed in Suriname after prosecutors said she tried to pass herself off as Toni Braxton at a concert, prompting the disappointed crowd to jeer and pelt the stage with trash. Her husband says she's the victim of a local con artist.

COURTESY RAYMOND FINN
Trina Johnson-Finn, an entertainer known for her celebrity imitations, is shown in this 2003 promotional photo.

Prosecutors contend Trina Johnson-Finn attempted to pass herself off as the six-time Grammy winner at a much-hyped show in this poor South American country more than two months ago. Her husband said she wasn't trying to fool anyone and was duped by a promoter who scammed people into paying up to $53 US thinking they would hear the famous singer. The promoter was arrested on Monday.

There seems to be no argument, however, that the concert was a bomb. Numerous people in the crowd of 3,000 began to jeer and pelt the stage with trash when the singer hit a sour note at the beginning of the second song. She was rushed off the stage to a loud chorus of boos.

The case heads to court May 26. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A rose for Rick

An episode of the Rick Mercer Report, in which he visits an Edmonton recycling centre, has won an international award for comedy, the Rose d'Or. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jackman meets a sports superhero

FAN Actor Hugh Jackman took time from promoting X-Men Origins: Wolverine to meet a real-life superhero of Brazilian soccer. Jackman attended a practice of the Corinthians club in Sao Paulo and gave a movie shirt to striker Ronaldo, who's showing Wolverine-like healing powers in his third comeback to competitive soccer. Ronaldo gave Jackman a team jersey with the letter X.

Hanks narrates war documentary

FILM Saving Private Ryan star Tom Hanks is serving as narrator and adviser for a documentary production as the National World War II Museum in New Orleans prepares to open new attractions.

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Kenya's**Style**

Kenya Hunt

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An incurable optimist

Michael J. Fox isn't very good at feeling discouraged, whether for himself or anybody else.

CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Actor Michael J. Fox at Chicago's Wrigley Field during the filming of his TV special, which airs tonight.

"Right now, things are tough," he'll concede, "and people have reason to expect the worst. But I see a real effort by people to turn all that into a positive — to seize the opportunity to strive for something better."

Go ahead and call Fox an optimist. It's a title this actor, activist and Parkinson's patient has already claimed. It's the ID he says he prefers.

Fox's hopeful new memoir, Always Looking Up, is riding high on bestseller lists, and he's following up with a TV special on a similarly spirited track: Michael J. Fox: Adventures of an Incurable Optimist airs on ABC at 10 p.m. EDT tonight and also on CTV's A Channel in a few Canadian markets.

During the hour, Fox visits with seven-time Tour de France champion and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. He joins TV star (and Chicago Cubs loyalist) Bonnie Hunt at Wrigley Field — where hope springs eternal among fans of a team that hasn't won a World Series in their lifetimes. He journeys to the Himalayan nation of Bhutan, where happiness is a national priority.

His wide-ranging program "isn't prescriptive," Fox was telling a reporter earlier this week in his office on Manhattan's Upper East Side. "I just need to express myself, because that's what I do. It's the only way I can live my life: to embrace the possibilities, instead of fear the realities.

It was in 1998 that Fox publicly revealed the Parkinson's disease with which he had been diagnosed seven years earlier. In 2000, he left his successful TV series, Spin City, and retired from full-time acting. Fox, who was born in Edmonton and grew up in Burnaby, B.C., remains boyish-looking at age 47 and has kept busy since then with his family, his writing and the occasional acting gig (like his appearance this season as a paraplegic junkie on the FX drama Rescue Me).

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	305	612	306	PIX	*Blue* ★★ (1968, Western) Terence Stamp, Joanna Pettet.				*Last Man Standing* (1996, Crime Drama)			(10:45) *Louis the 19th*	

critics'corner

Da Kink in My Hair

It happens in every relationship: Eventually we learn something unpleasant about the other person. If it's minor — he snores, she leaves her undies hanging on the shower rod — it's fixable. Unfortunately, it's not always so minor. Ask Starr (Ngozi Paul), who is questioning her future with Julian after he makes a homophobic comment. Yep, this could be a deal breaker if he's not willing to join the "straight but not narrow" club. 9:30 PM on GTV

Louis the 19th

Also known as "Louis the 19th, King of the Airwaves," this 1994 movie stars Martin Drainville as Louis Jobin. Jobin has always wanted to be a TV star, and when he wins a contest to become just that, he's overjoyed. But can he handle cameras following him everywhere for three months? Yes, because his life isn't that exciting — which is a problem for the show's execs. Zenhu Han, Yves Jacques and Dominique Michel also star. 1:40 PM on PIX

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Paula pulls painkiller about face

Paula Abdul, who recently denied ever taking prescription painkillers on ABC's Nightline, opens up about her past drug use to Ladies' Home Journal. "I could have killed myself," the American Idol judge says about the extent of her painkiller abuse. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Volturi hit Vancouver

FAN-DEMONIUM Look out, trouble is in town. The Volturi (a vampire clan in the book) cast of New Moon has swooped into Vancouver to start shooting scenes in the highly anticipated Twilight sequel, people.com reports.

Dakota Fanning, who is set to play Jane, a sinister vampire with an angelic exterior, arrived Tuesday. Immediately thrust into the fan-demonium, she happily signed photos and posed for pictures outside her hotel before doing some sightseeing and grabbing a bite to eat.

Michael Sheen (Aro) and Jamie Campbell-Bower (Caius) arrived a couple hours earlier, and the evil immortals had costume fittings all day.

In Vancouver to film their interior scenes — they'll be shooting exteriors in Italy later this month — the trio are staying at the same hotel as co-star Kristen Stewart and Selena Gomez, who is there shooting Beezus and Ramona.

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Kiefer gets rowdy

BAD BEHAVIOUR Kiefer Sutherland rose to Brooke Shields' defence Tuesday morning in downtown Manhattan — though she didn't particularly request it, and the interloper allegedly suffered a broken nose from the 24 star, according to reports.

New York's Daily News reports that Proenza Schouler womenswear designer Jack McCollough — a friend of Shields' — interrupted her and Sutherland while they were speaking outside the SoHo nightspot Sub-Mercer at 2 a.m. An agitated Sutherland then allegedly headbutted McCollough after the two men exchanged words.

Witnesses also say Shields was shoved but not hurt. All were out following the Met's Costume Institute Gala. A rep for Shields said, "Nothing happened to her ... Jack did nothing inappropriate. It's not clear what caused Kiefer to do what he did," the rep told tmz.com.

McCollough told authorities that Sutherland "was drunk and obnoxious and wouldn't back down or be logical," and that the actor "pulled this stupid wrestling move like a teenager" before the headbutt.

Police and friends of Sutherland's told the Daily News that Sutherland was intoxicated. The paper says that both Sutherland, 42, and Shields, 43, were expected to speak to the police yesterday.

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Give me the kid, or else?

EXACTING REVENGE? Celebrity status may not let Madonna bag herself a new child, but she's launching a campaign to help single mothers adopt children from foreign countries, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The website adds it seemed a "little bit threatening" when Madge said she'll only launch the campaign if Malawi officials block her bid to take home three-year-old Mercy James.

The pop star tried to adopt Mercy last month but her bid was turned down on the grounds that prospective parents have to be residents for 18 to 24 months prior to adoption.

Madonna, who previously adopted son David from Malawi in 2006, appealed the ruling and now her lawyers are preparing to fight for their client's right to adopt in the African nation.

A source tells The Sun newspaper, "If she fails on the grounds of her divorce she will be absolutely livid. She is already talking about starting a campaign for single moms to be allowed to adopt the world over."

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Do as I say, not as I do: Palin

SET AN EXAMPLE Bristol Palin promoted sexual abstinence for her fellow teens in appearances Wednesday on ABC's Good Morning America and NBC's Today — prompting interviewers to question how she can preach something she obviously didn't practice, people.com reports.

While declining to discuss what methods of birth control she might have used, Palin, 18, told ABC's Christopher Cuomo, "Regardless of what I did personally, I just think that abstinence is the only ... 100 per cent foolproof way to prevent pregnancy." She also acknowledged that abstinence is "difficult."

To NBC's Matt Lauer, who asked what message she was sending teens by talking about not having babies while she was holding her sleeping son, Tripp, in her arms, Palin said, "I'm just here trying to tell teens this is a really hard job."

The TV appearances were keyed to Palin's new role as the Candie's Foundation's teen ambassador for a campaign to raise awareness about the consequences of teen pregnancy.

When asked about claims her family would not allow Palin's former fiancé and father of her child, Levi Johnston, to be alone with his son, Palin shied away from talking about her "personal life" but did say, "I'd love Levi to be part of (Tripp's) life."

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Sherlock Holmes no prim Englishman

CREATIVE LICENSE Jude Law thinks filthy language, homoerotic overtones and bare-knuckle fighting are "quintessential parts" of Sherlock Holmes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 36-year-old actor — who plays Holmes' faithful sidekick Dr. Watson in Guy Ritchie's new adaptation of the classic detective tale — doesn't think Hollywood writers sexed up the script.

He said: "The physicality, the bare-knuckle fighting, the martial arts are all hinted at in the books. We just hold a magnifying glass over them.

"A word that author Arthur Conan Doyle uses an awful lot is apprehended. As in, 'Holmes and Watson apprehend the villain.' We get to show the apprehension."

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Lindsay's bad influence on Ali

SISTER, SISTER Lindsay Lohan has been flirting dangerously with her past partying ways since her split from Samantha Ronson, and now it looks like she might be taking her sister, Ali Lohan, down with her.

Lindsay has reportedly been bringing Ali with her to parties around L.A., including a recent bash at the Roosevelt Hotel, where Lindsay was wary of photographers.

"Lindsay was definitely in party mode, but didn't want anyone seeing her drink," a source tells Page Six. Lindsay also recently brought 15-year-old Ali to 21-and-over club MyHouse, where the manager had to ask her to leave twice before she was escorted out.

GETTY IMAGES

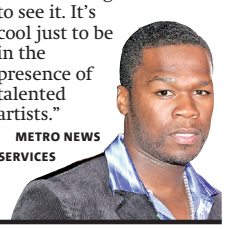
METRO WORLD NEWS

Fiddy is Gossip Girl's No. 1 fan?

CELEBRITY FAN 50 Cent watched Gossip Girl to prepare for his new movie role, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The rapper — real name Curtis Jackson — tuned into several episodes of the teen drama because he is set to appear with its star Chace Crawford in forthcoming movie drug drama Twelve.

He said: "I got a chance to see it. It's cool just to be in the presence of talented artists."



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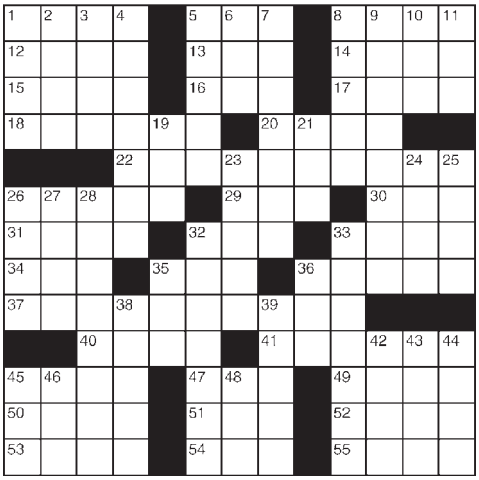

Crossword across

1 Dogfight participants
5 Energy
8 In the neighborhood
12 Ancient mariner
13 Courtroom pseudonym
14 Wheelbase terminus
15 Houston acronym
16 Joined at the hip
17 Couple, in a gossip column
18 Crowd scene actors
20 Sport
22 Pseudo-claimants to the throne
26 Diamond side
29 Scarlet
30 Wrestling surface
31 Black, to Browning?
32 Gravy, on a French menu
33 Challenge
34 Announcer Pardo
35 Payable
36 Tend the turkey
37 Larry King trademark
40 Sty cry
41 Inventor's insurance
45 Walk unevenly
47 Id counterpart
49 Largest of the seven
50 Wile E.'s supplier
51 Wage earner's burden
52 Poolroom prop
53 Honey bunch?
54 Bond, for one
55 Fist (Sl.)

Crossword down

1 Hathaway or Heche
2 Wheedle
3 Right on the map?
4 Hone
5 Everyday writing
6 A billion years
7 Diminutive ones
8 Water nymph
9 Maximums
10 Pub order
11 Sleep phenom
19 Illustrations
21 Remnant
23 Aligned
24 Huck's transport
25 Eyelid woe
26 Govt. workers
27 "— ben Adhem"
28 Clear soup
32 Politicos' trips
33 Treacherous one
35 Lair
36 Support of a sort
38 They're calling Danny Boy
39 Strong adhesive
42 Birthright barterer
43 Shaving mishap
44 Snatch
45 Retriever type
46 Lemieux milieu
48 Diastema

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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4	8	2	7	9	1	3	6	5
6	3	1	2	5	4	9	7	8
7	9	3	4	2	5	8	1	6
2	1	5	3	8	6	4	9	7
8	6	4	1	7	9	2	5	3

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Bulgur Salad

INGREDIENTS:

3/4 cup (175 ml) bulgur
2 large tomatoes
1/2 cucumber, peeled and coarsely grated
1 carrot, peeled and grated
2 tbsp (25 ml) finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
10 fresh mint leaves, chopped
1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
sprig of fresh mint to garnish

DRESSING:

1/3 cup olive oil
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) wine vinegar
1 garlic clove, crushed
salt and freshly ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Tip bulgur into heatproof bowl, pour in 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) boiling water, cover and leave soak 20 minutes, or until most of water is absorbed. Tip into sieve to drain off excess water.
2. Scald the tomatoes in a bowl of boiling water, 30 seconds. Drain, then refresh under cold running water. Peel off skins, then scoop out seeds and dice flesh.
3. Mix tomato flesh with cucumber and carrot. Rub bulgur between fingers to separate grains, add to vegetables with herbs and toss. Sprinkle with lemon juice.
4. For dressing, put oil, vinegar, garlic and seasoning into jar and shake well. Pour dressing over the salad and toss gently. Cover with plastic wrap and chill 3 hours before serving. Garnish with sprig of fresh mint.

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Horoscopes

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A delayed message will startle you. Don't explode at the slightest provocation. A traveler tells a secret about the blues.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
An announcement will be noted. Fly into action guided by your intuition. A lover is hungering for good-natured adventures..

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone will rule with a velvet fist. A friend behaves in an abnormal manner. Call a cheerful woman for peace of mind.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
People want you to get with the program. You'll be forced to make a choice. A strong conviction determines what is really important.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Be ready to concede when tension breaks out. Guard against seasonal ailments. A newcomer's breakthrough saves you from a dull job.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't tell a grouch any confidential stories. You'll be teased about a change of plans. Banal moments will put you in an awkward position.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Stop thinking about obeying outrageous demands. Hold your tongue to please a finicky person. A magical man is too honest.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
A creative person is awkward before a discussion. Give credit to a meek man. A vengeful individual has to save someone.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Find some understanding from a laid-back friend. Run the risk of being seen paying attention. A job should be finished by now.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Messy stairs inspire someone to take a tumble. A significant injury has been concealed. A cynical person is moving ahead in love.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Mental activity will increase your fun. Changes are opportunities for a new way of life. Someone needs time alone to plan some hanky-panky.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't lift anything heavy without help. An associate may not be trustworthy. A good person makes an exciting move.

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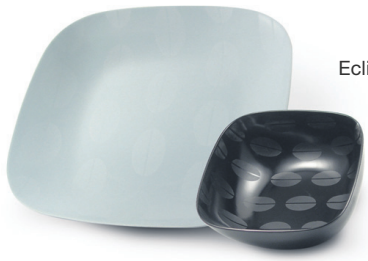

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